

SUNK.

Reina Mercedes Goes Down and Two Others Crippled.

Shafter With 18,000 Troops is Off For Cuba at Last.

Madrid, June 8.—(Special.)—It is officially admitted that the Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes was sunk by the fire of the American fleet at Santiago de Cuba on Monday. Five sailors and twenty-nine marines on board of her were killed.

The Reina Mercedes was a partly dismantled cruiser and used as a floating battery to augment the defenses of Santiago harbor.

Echoes of Monday's Fight.

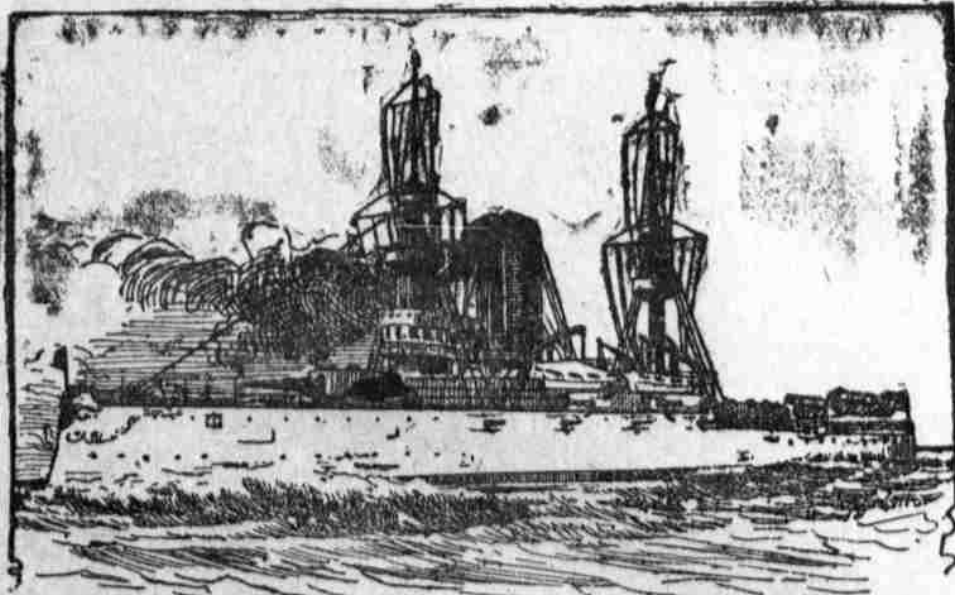
Two Spanish Ships Badly Hurt.

New York, June 8.—A special from Kingston, Jamaica, reports that the Spanish cruiser Viscaya and the torpedo boat destroyer Furor were badly damaged during the bombardment of Santiago's defenses on Monday. A shell from the Brooklyn is said to have burst under the Viscaya's port quarter, dismounting a gun, injuring the cruiser's rudder and wounding several her sailors.

Hobson's Reward.==Will Likely

Command the New Battleship

Montgomery, Ala., June 8.—(Special.)—A diligent campaign has been set on foot in Alabama looking to the promotion of Lieut. Hobson to the position of Captain commanding the new warship Alabama. The press of Alabama has joined Hobson's friends in the campaign in his behalf and it is believed that the newspapers and the public throughout the South will join in the recommendation. From Hobson's friends in Greensboro it is learned that he had for some time desired to get out of the construction Bureau and into the line of active duty. The announcement by the press that the officials are disposed to be governed in his



U. S. BATTLESHIP ALABAMA.

(Launched Privately, Without a Hitch, May 18, at the Cramp Ship Yards, Philadelphia.)

promotion largely by his preference encourages the belief that he may be given command of the magnificent battleship which is named in honor of his native State when it is completed next fall.

The Montgomery Advertiser, in referring to the matter, says editorially:

"Lieut. Hobson has demonstrated his originality, his breadth, his capacity of self control which is the highest qualification for command, his energy, determination and coolness. In what is he lacking to fit him to command any ship afloat? He has the brains, the training, the experience in seamanship, the daring. By all means let him be made Captain of the Alabama. The whole south would be delighted."

The Delay Is Explained.

Why the Landing Was Delayed.

Washington, D. C., June 8.—(Special.)—There is no information in possession of the government to confirm the newspaper reports that troops have been landed in Cuba. It is the understanding of Secretary Alger that all of the transports are hanging around Key West waiting until the last ship has left Tampa, and that they will keep together as closely as possible during the voyage in order to lessen the danger of attack from the little gunboats which are lying in some of the Spanish harbors. When the troopships with the heavy artillery that are expected to leave Tampa to-night reach Key West some time to-morrow it is hoped the entire squadron will get under way and join Schley's fleet off Santiago by Saturday. This calculation, however, is based upon a speed that can be maintained only under the most favorable circumstances.

THE DAY IN COURT.

Several Commonwealth Cases Were Heard.

Still Others Dismissed or Continued.—Civil Docket Not Yet Reached.

In the case of the Commonwealth against Wm. Page, charged with assault and battery, the defendant failed to appear and was fined \$25, and capias issued.

The attorneys for Jim Knight, col., entered a motion for a new trial which was overruled by the court.

W. B. and Bud Robinson, charged with selling liquor without license, were tried by a jury and a verdict of not guilty was returned.

The Hopkinsville Hotel Company was fined \$50 on an indictment charging defendant with selling liquor to a minor.

In the case of the Commonwealth against John Knight, charged with seduction under promise of marriage, the defendant by attorney entered his plea of guilty to the charge of fornication, and on this the case was submitted to the court. A fine of \$25 was assessed.

The following cases were called and continued or dismissed:

Commonwealth against Bud Garth, housebreaking, continued.

James Britton, housebreaking, two cases, continued.

Thomas Woosley, grand larceny, four cases, continued.

W. B. and Bud Robinson, selling liquor without license, four cases, dismissed.

Jack Outlaw, bigamy, dismissed.

Dr. J. R. Moore and others, disturbing religious worship, continued.

Bob Morris, c. c. d. w., two cases dismissed.

MISS JENNIE FOWRIGHT.

A Sister of Mr. J. N. Fowright, Dies Suddenly in Nashville.

Mr. Joseph N. Fowright received a telegram at noon yesterday announcing the sudden and unexpected death of his sister, Miss Jennie Fowright.

The young lady was attacked with cholera morbus Sunday but her condition was not regarded as critical and Mr. Fowright was not apprised of her illness until the sad announcement of her death.

Miss Fowright was twenty-two years of age and was a young lady of many beautiful traits of character and superior mental gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowright left on the 5:13 train yesterday afternoon for Nashville where they will remain until after the funeral and interment.

BASEBALL NEWS.

(SPECIAL.)

Cincinnati, 1; Boston, 10.
Chicago, 9; New York, 1.
Louisville, 2; Baltimore, 6.
Pittsburg, 3; Washington, 10.
St. Louis, 9; Philadelphia, 7.
Cleveland, 8; Brooklyn, 2.

Leave for Mammoth Cave.

Mrs. Robert Downer chaperoned a party of thirty of Pembroke's young people to Mammoth cave yesterday. The party will spend several days viewing the subterranean wonders of Kentucky's great natural curiosity.

Failed to Pass.

Owensboro, Ky., June 8.—(Special.)—Clifton Brannon, who was appointed to the naval cadetship by Congressman Clardy, failed to pass the physical examination.

A GRAVE CHARGE.

B. G. Phipps Arrested and Lodged in Jail.

He is Charged With Robbing the Store of L. B. King, at Pon.

About noon yesterday Deputy Sheriff John Boyd rode into the city having in custody B. G. Phipps. The prisoner was taken to the county jail and there lodged in default of a bond of \$500.

Monday night, the store room of L. B. King, at Pon, was broken open and robbed of \$50 worth of merchandise.

Mr. King and several of his friends at once set about finding the thief. Suspicion pointed to Phipps, and several circumstances strengthened this suspicion. Yesterday morning a number of the stolen articles were found concealed in the weeds and fence corners near the home of Phipps. The goods were left undisturbed and Mr. King, the victim of the burglary, rode to the city and swore out a warrant against Phipps charging him with breaking in and robbing a store. Deputy Sheriff Boyd accompanied Mr. King to Pon. There they learned that Phipps was at work on the farm of Mr. Lee King, not far from the village of Pon. Phipps was found, the warrant served and he was taken to the place where the goods had been concealed. These were recovered and with the prisoner brought to the city.

Phipps is a man about thirty years of age. He has a wife and several children and hitherto has borne a very good reputation in the neighborhood. He will be indicted and tried at the present term of court.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

An Enjoyable Program at the Opera House Last Night.

There was a large audience at the Opera House last night to witness the graduating exercises by the students of South Kentucky College. The six graduates in their essays and addresses won the applause of the audience and numerous floral tributes. The musical numbers were particularly good.

Mr. Beazley in his salutatory upheld the reputation which his previous oratorical efforts had won and captured new laurels.

Mr. Pride's valedictory was happily conceived and eloquently and effectively delivered.

Miss Summers' paper "Class Prophecy" was replete with catchy hits at the expense of her classmates and kept the audience convulsed with laughter.

In her essay "A Victory, but First a Battle," Miss VanCleve evinced not only a fine knowledge of letters but showed no little depth and research.

"A Crown of Wild Roses," was the theme of Mr. Gardner's essay. It was a decidedly aesthetic composition into which many beautiful thoughts were incorporated.

At the conclusion of the formal exercises the well merited degrees were conferred upon the graduates, one of them, Miss Nellie Griffin, being absent.

Nearing Completion.

The Merritt building at the corner of Fifth and Main streets is rapidly nearing completion. The outer layer is handsome pressed brick and the trimmings are of white dressed stone. The building will contain fifteen office rooms, divided on either floor by wide halls. The location of the building will make the offices very desirable. It will be an attractive structure architecturally.

SHIPS

At Guantanamo Batter Down A Spanish Fortification.

The Insurgent Chief In the Philippines Continues His Victories.

Cape Haytien, June 8.—Special.—On Tuesday morning five battleships bombarded the town of Baymeta, at the head of Guantanamo Bay, near Santiago, destroying the fort and driving the soldiers to the town and later into the interior. Even before the cables were injured the operators were forced to flee by fire from the ships. Up to this hour no cable direct from Santiago has been received since Monday night.

A Protectorate Is Desired.

Arguinaldo's Proclamation.

London, June 8.—(Special.)—Singapore correspondent of the London Times says that the local Philippine insurgent committee is in receipt of a message from Aguinaldo saying: "We have taken all in the province of Cavite and Tanguas. Tingo is captured with six hundred rifles. We captured twelve hundred Spaniards from Spain, and eight hundred Philippine Spaniards, and killed three hundred."

We are now besieging Bedeje. Three hundred Spaniards are fortified in a church and must surrender. We hear that the Governor General proposes to capitulate.

London, June 8.—The Hong Kong correspondent of the Times says: "A proclamation issued by Aguinaldo, the insurgent chief, points to a desire to set up a native administration in the Philippines under an American protectorate. Aguinaldo, with an Advisory Council, would hold the dictatorship until the conquest of the Islands, and would then establish a republican assembly."

"Aguinaldo has issued orders that the lives and property of European, Chinese and all Spanish non-combatants are to be protected, and that all excesses are to be avoided."

Gen. Shafter Has Gone.

Sends Word That He Is Off.

Washington, June 8.—(Special.)—The troops have started for Tampa. Gen. Shafter notified the War Department this morning of the sailing, and shortly afterwards Secretary Alger went to the White House, where he remained in consultation with the President for over two hours.

It is known that only about 15,000 to 18,000 troops on the transports are bound for Santiago, while the others in camp and ready to be embarked will, in all likelihood, be sent to Porto Rico.

PERSPECTIVE OF SANTIAGO DE CUBA.



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| 1-Morro castle. | 7-Cabanillas bay. | 13-Cubera. | 19-Point Duap. |
| 2-La Boca. | 8-Caluma bay. | 14-Aguada river. | 20-Miradero bay. |
| 3-Smith island. | 9-Ratonas island. | 15-Point Fortaleza. | 21-Miradero. |
| 4-Nisapero bay. | 10-Julian. | 16-Point Blanca. | 22-Parades. |
| 5-Carivias. | 11-Point Yarey. | 17-Cascon river. | 23-Point Sal. |
| 6-Point Gorda. | 12-Point Le Cruz. | 18-Caimanes river. | 24-Cinco Reales. |

The mouth of the harbor is about a quarter of a mile across. There is a deep-water channel (6 to 50 fathoms) up to Point Le Cruz, beyond which point, up to the city of Santiago de Cuba, which lies eight miles from the mouth of the harbor, soundings show a succession of shoals and five-fathom channels.